

GOAL EIGHT

Preserve areas of national, state, regional and local historical importance.

POLICY TWENTY-FOUR

The County will support the preservation of Stanislaus County's cultural legacy of historical and archeological resources for future generations.

(Comment: Landmarks of historical consequence not only include old schoolhouses, and covered bridges, but also such sites as Native American burial grounds, cemeteries, pottery, rock carvings, and rock paintings. Normally, "sensitive" areas are often located near natural watercourses, springs or ponds, or on elevated ground. However, due to the silt build-up in the valley and the meandering of rivers, archaeological and historical sites may be found in unsuspected areas.)

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES

1. The County shall continue to utilize the HS (Historical Site) zone in Knight's Ferry and La Grange to protect the historical character of the communities.
Responsible Departments: Planning Department, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors
2. The County shall seek input from the Knight's Ferry Municipal Advisory Council concerning any development proposals in the HS zone in Knight's Ferry.
Responsible Departments: Planning Department, Historical Sub-Committee of the Planning Commission, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors
3. The County shall work with the County Historical Society, and other organizations and interested individuals to study, identify and inventory archeological resources and historical sites, structures, buildings and objects.
Responsible Department: Parks and Recreation
4. The County will cooperate with the State Historical Preservation Officer to identify and nominate historical structures, objects, buildings and sites for inclusion under the Historical Preservation Act.
Responsible Department: Parks and Recreation
5. The County shall utilize the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process to protect archaeological or historic resources. Most discretionary projects require review for compliance with CEQA. As part of this review, potential impacts must be identified and mitigated.
Responsible Departments: Planning Department, Parks and Recreation, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors
6. The County shall make referrals to the Office of Historic Preservation and the Central California Information Center as required to meet CEQA requirements.
Responsible Department: Planning Department

7. The County will work with all interested individuals and organizations to protect and preserve the mining heritage of Stanislaus County.
Responsible Department: Parks and Recreation

POLICY TWENTY-FIVE

"Qualified Historical Buildings" as defined by the State Building Code shall be preserved.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES

1. Whenever possible, the County Building Inspection Division shall utilize the provisions of the State Building Code that allow historical buildings to be restored without damaging the historical character of the building.
Responsible Department: Building Inspection
2. The County shall continue to utilize the HS (Historical Site) zone in Knight's Ferry and La Grange to protect the historical character of the communities.
Responsible Departments: Planning Department, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors